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Reward Offer in the Sexual Assaults in Echo Park

On Monday, August 1, 2016, two separate “Hot Prowl/Predator” type incidents/assaults occurred in the Echo Park and Silverlake/Hollywood areas (both in LAPD Rampart Division). The assaults occurred at the 800 block of North Mariposa Avenue and the 1600 block of Cortez Street. Recent reports indicate that this suspect has committed more assaults in recent days and in a more expansive geography than previously thought.

In the first two incidents, the suspect entered secured apartment complexes, checked numerous resident doors and then entered apartments that were left unlocked within the complex. Both incidents involved lone female victims.

During the first incident, the suspect entered an unlocked apartment while the resident was in the laundry room for approximately 5 minutes. He proceeded to wait inside until she entered, covered her mouth and pinned her to the wall. The victim screamed loudly and scared off the suspect.

During the second incident, the victim was home when the suspect entered the apartment. The suspect approached the victim and pinned her against the couch and assaulted her. During the assault the victim’s dogs interfered with the suspect’s actions and she was able to push the suspect off and seek help.

Prior to the reported incidents on North Mariposa Avenue and Cortez Street there were two other incidents on Monday, August 1, 2016. Additionally, there were two more incidents that have taken place on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

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The police have released surveillance video of the suspect to the local media and are asking for anyone who may have any information to contact LAPD Rampart Division Detectives.

Investigators believe a reward would be appropriate in this case, and hope that by offering a reward, witnesses with information will be motivated to come forward to help apprehend and convict the suspect in this heinous crime.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Offer a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person responsible for the assaults that have taken place since Monday, August 1, 2016.

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